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SENATOR THOMAS AND THE PRIMARY.

The timely warning of State Senator Thomas in regard to the approaching primary is causing a good deal of discussion. He declares that he will go into the primary in good faith and will abide by the result unless it can be shown that political thieves have stolen the nominations. The Petersburg Index-Appel thinks this is the rock upon which the primary will split.

"What Senator Thomas threatens to do others may do," says the Index-Appel. "They certainly have as much right to do it as he has. Now, who shall judge whether or not a nomination has been stolen, or corrupt practices have been introduced into the primary? Shall the defeated candidates and their friends be the judges in such cases? Probably at no time in the history of secret voting have defeated candidates and their friends believed that defeat came to them honestly. Human nature is vain and suspicious. The intemperate language which Senator Thomas uses in serving 'notice on the political thieves,' etc., shows conclusively that he has already prejudged the matter, and that it only requires his own defeat to give him an excuse for pronouncing the sentence, and taking the step that will break his obligation to support the nominee and make him a helper."

Before sitting in judgment upon Senator Thomas it might be well to consider some of the events which have caused him to "prejudge" the matter. If he has done so. There is the Richmond scandal and the Norfolk primaries, which have notoriously been fraudulent and conducted in the interest of the ring. Now Newport News has demonstrated that it is possible to have fair primaries and to so conduct them that not a breath of suspicion may rest against them. If the State committee really wants each candidate to have a "square deal" on Tuesday there will be no dishonesty and no one will have an excuse for "bolting." On the other hand if the usual negligence marks the occasion and the affair is turned over to "political thieves," we can not blame either Senator Thomas or any other man for refusing to be bound by a contract which is legally vitiated.

In this connection we commend the following sentiment from the esteemed Norfolk Landmark: "We do not know whether Senator Thomas favors Montague or Martin, Wilbur of Swanson or Mann; and we do not care. What he says is admirable, and we are glad he has framed a primary election statute. He is right in sounding the warning that the Democratic party can maintain itself under present conditions only by being an honest party. Many former Democrats in Richmond are said to be wearing Lewis buttons because of their disgust at the shameful methods used in the recent primary in that city. The State primary next Tuesday must be fair and square, or there will be serious trouble for the Democracy of Virginia."

AS TO CAMPAIGN METHODS.

Rev. James Cannon, in the Richmond Christian Advocate assails some of the methods which have been in vogue in the present campaign in Virginia. He says: "The speeches of the candidates for Governor have been courteous and polite as a rule, but

there has been an undue amount of paid newspaper publications. This was not so objectionable as long as it was confined to giving friendly pictures of the virtues of a candidate but it has not stopped at that. In some of the most reputable papers in the State, even in one standing so high as the Lynchburg News, there have been articles in the news columns attacking the motives and conduct of this or that candidate. These articles are paid advertisements, and, of course, must be paid for by persons who are interested in the election of some other candidate. A noteworthy feature is that the most slanderous of these publications have appeared in the closing days of the campaign, the hope being apparently to prevent the slanders from being corrected until the primary is over."

Rev. Mr. Cannon has been especially severe in his denunciation of "secular papers" for making unfounded charges. We therefore assume that he has absolute proof of the serious accusation made against some of the Virginia newspapers, to the effect that their news columns are for sale and that they are not above allowing them to be used for "slandering publications." We shall await with interest the replies which will undoubtedly be forthcoming to Rev. Mr. Cannon's strictures. We certainly believe that he will be given an opportunity to prove his statements. In any event he ought to be given that opportunity.

The Washington Post observes that "the Japanese peace dove has a long bill." It might also be observed that the older the dove gets the longer the bill will grow.

"Where to Look for Mosquitoes" is the title of a long article in a New Orleans paper. Wouldn't it be more philosophic to place the burden of search upon the mosquito?

We trust that Mr. Fisher will succeed in catching the real significance of those customs house coincidences of the past week or two.

A Massachusetts woman declares that she thinks Queen Helena of Italy is the most beautiful woman in the world today. This woman ought to take a trip South and then revise her rash and unadvised opinion.

ALL GREAT READERS.

How Noted Millionaires Keep Their Wits Sharpened.

"All my life, ever since I learned to read at the district school at Oswego," said Mr. J. D. Rockefeller, the king of Croesuses, the other day, "I have been an omnivorous reader, and this habit has not only given me one of the greatest pleasures I have known, but has contributed a great deal to my success. I have attained, I think it was Johnson who said, 'You can never be wise unless you love reading,' and I might supplement this by saying that it is one of the finest brain-sharpeners for a business man."

This love of books Mr. Rockefeller still retains—in fact, he says, "Reading becomes more indispensable to me every year"—as is evidenced by the fact that he is constantly adding to his large library, and as he says, "I never put a book on my shelves without reading it—they are all intimate friends." His son and heir, Mr. John Rockefeller, Jr., has inherited his father's passion for books, and spends some hours daily in their company. And it will be found that, with very few exceptions, the men who make millions are all similar lovers of reading. "When I was a lad," the late Cecil Rhodes once said, "my craze for reading was almost a vice. Every moment I could spare was spent in poring over some book or other—not school books, by any means. All was fish that came to my net, and I am afraid I read a lot of rubbish; but that the habit, which is just as strong as ever, has been most helpful. I haven't a shadow of doubt."

Mr. Peabody's experience was very similar. "When I was a boy," he said, "my uncle, who in the course of half a century had amassed about £2,000, thrashed me because, instead of saving my money, I wasted it on cheap books and magazines. I told him that I could not afford to save money until I had increased my knowledge and brain power, whereupon he thrashed me again." Whether or not it was due to this love of reading, Peabody at the end of his life could show more than a thousand pounds for every sovereign his uncle had saved.

Mr. Russell Sage, the reputed owner of £10,000,000 sterling, pleads guilty to a like passion for reading. "I have never allowed money-making," he says, "to wear me from my books. Even in my most strenuous days I always put in a good hour's reading before the rest of the world was awake, and I have found it a capital thing for getting the brain into working order for the day. My reading has been, I fear, sadly promiscuous, and I don't think much of it as such, but it has served its purpose well in keeping the thinking machine in order."

Mr. John Wanamaker, another lord of many millions, said, not long ago: "When I was a lad reading was thought a terrible waste of time for any one who had to make his living in business, and my love of it got me into serious trouble many a time. I systematically read anything I could lay my hands on, and, although much of it was worthless, I seemed to find a lot of useful grain among the chaff. Today, whenever I see a youth spending his spare money on books or good magazines, I know he is laying the foundation of success."

Mr. Carnegie, as the world knows, has always been a bookworm, whenever he could snatch even a few odd moments from his work of money-making; and he has spent many mil-

lions in providing for others facilities which in his young days were denied to him. Mr. Pierpont Morgan is a book enthusiast of another type, for he has spent on many a single volume in his magnificent library a sum which would provide a life's books for most of us. "I simply cannot," he has said, "overestimate the value of reading to the man who wishes to turn his brains to any kind of profitable account. To me it has been invaluable, and I have never known a man who has amassed money who has not also been a book lover."—Tit Bits.

A PARROT RANCH.

American Owns It and It's Located in Mexico.

Martin Holts, an American, who established a parrot ranch near Victoria, Mexico, a few years ago, has met with wonderful success and has accumulated a fortune in the business. It is probably the only parrot ranch in the world; it is certainly the only one in Mexico, says the San Francisco Call.

Holts was employed for several years as a passenger conductor on the old Monterey and Mexican Gulf railroad, now a part of the Mexican Central system. His division was between Victoria and the port of Tampico, on the gulf coast, through the heart of the parrot country. He was always interested in the bright-colored birds and while running as conductor he collected many of them and taught them to speak English. There were many tourists traveling up and down his line, and he did a good side business by selling the birds to Americans and others.

The thought then occurred to Holts that he might make more money by retiring from railroad work and devoting his time to raising parrots. He followed this plan and purchased a large tract of forest land near Victoria which was teeming with wild parrots. He fitted up the ranch in a unique way. Wire netting was placed around and over the trees and the birds were confined therein. He has had the greatest success in raising the birds.

It is in teaching the parrots to talk that Holts has made a unique success. He is a linguist, speaking English, Spanish, French and German fluently. He divided his stock of several thousand birds into four classes—one for each language. He then took a few birds from each class and set to work to teach them to talk. At the end of a few months Holts had taught a number of birds English, Spanish, German and French, and the educated birds were placed in their respective sections. It was Holts' theory that by doing this the educated birds would teach their companions to talk. His hopes were realized to the fullest extent. He says that at the end of the first year he had several hundred educated parrots.

Holts believes that the standard of intelligence of parrots can be greatly increased by proper attention to breeding them. In his collection of parrots, which now number several thousands, he saw several which are seemingly possessed of reasoning powers. These educated birds have been taught to carry on a conversation with each other. This conversation, in which each bird knows his part thoroughly, covers nearly thirty minutes of time.

FIVE-HUNDRED-DOLLAR PEARL.

Found Growing on the Back of an Enormous Turtle.

Of all the persons in Coney Island last week, no two were quite so happy as Mr. and Mrs. Edward Morrison, of Jamaica Bay, for on Sunday Mrs. Morrison caught a 575-pound loggerhead turtle at Rockaway Inlet, and she found that the big lump on the creature's back was a "pearl barnacle," 100 years old and worth \$500. When Mrs. Morrison and her husband heard this they started at once for Coney Island to celebrate.

Mrs. Morrison, who is afraid to look at the turtle again for fear it may have a diamond necklace or a sunburst concealed somewhere, is preparing a list of her friends to give them a turtle supper. The turtle will attend the feast in a big wooden cage, and the pearl, mounted, will adorn the center of the table.

Mr. and Mrs. Morrison were out for weak-fish at Rockaway Inlet, when there came a bite that almost pulled the hardy fisherman out of the boat. She held on and her husband began to row for the shore. An immense turtle crawled out on the beach and tried to get away with the line, but little Master Morrison ran up and jumped on his back. The three soon had the creature fastened in a rope cradle and then towed it to Canarsie.

Crowds went to J. B. Cusey's landing in Canarsie to get a glimpse of the big loggerhead. According to all of the fishermen of the place the turtle was an infant about 100 years ago, or a short time after Columbus made his first visit to the United States.—New York American.

England and Germany.

There is a good deal of talk in the German press about the heedless way in which at present the English are wounding the sensibilities and baffling the legitimate aspirations of Germany. It would, we think, be easier to avoid this undesirable result if the sensibilities and aspirations of Germany were more definitely understood. Perhaps they are a little vague in the minds of the Germans themselves, and it may be an error of some importance to speak of "Germany" as an individual with clear and consistent ideas, instead of a large mass of persons, with a considerable variety of ideas which sometimes conflict. The military party in Germany, for instance, seems to think that France is offensive if it comes to an understanding with England, and regards the exchange of cordial courtesies between the navies of the two countries, first at Brest and now at Portsmouth, as particularly exasperating. But there is an anti-military party in Germany that takes exactly an opposing view, and, as it seems from this distance, a much saner and humaner view. It is with the latter that Americans are most apt to sympathize, and to hope that it really reflects more soundly the temper of the mass of the German people.—New York Times.

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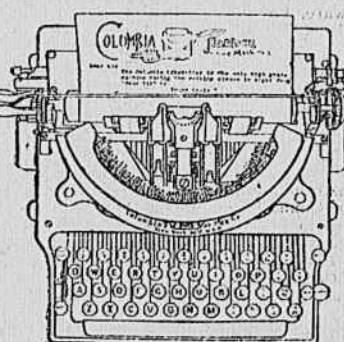
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